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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH' S TRAVEL

FOR AMBASSADOR NEUMANN, BALDADIAN AND HUNT

1. WE HAD, WE HOPE, THE WRAPUP MEETING WITH LT. GEN. SAID ABDUL GHANI, COMMANDANT OF NATIONAL POLICE AND GENDARMERIE YESTERDAY, APRIL 23, CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF DEPSEC. HE HAD WITH HIM COL. MINIPOL, COMMANDANT OF KABUL POLICE, WHO WILL BE THE ACTION OFFICER IN CHARGE OR PROTECTIVE SECURITY DURING VISIT. GEN. GHANI, AFTER PRODDING BY PSO, ALSO ASSIGNED CAPT. SIDDIQ NOOR AS PROJECT LIAISON OFFICER WITH PSO AND NOOR WILL, IF HE HAS IN FACT BEEN INFORMED OF HIS ASSIGNMENT, SHOW UP THIS MORNING IN THE EMBASSY TO REMAIN WITH MR. KELLY DURING ALL WORKING HOURS UNTIL DEPSEC' S PLANE IS SAFELY AIRBORNE TO ISLAMABAD. NOOR, INCIDENTALLY, IS WELL- KNOWN TO EMBASSY, SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH VERY WELL AND SHOULD BE A REAL ASSET IN MAKING CERTAIN RGA UNDERSTANDS, AND WILL IMPLEMENT, OUR REQUIREMENTS AND WISHES.

2. GHANI, A TOUGH, FORCEFUL, AND AN ALMOST TOO DECISIVE OFFICER, (I. E. QUICK DECISIONS, FULL SPEED AHEAD, GUNG HO, ETC., WITHOUT NECESSARILY CONSIDERING ALL ASPECTS OF A SITUATION) WILL, WE ARE SURE, DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO PREVENT ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT TEND TO MAR DEPSEC' S VISIT. IF GOOD INTENTIONS AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP ARE HALF- WAY RELIABLE AUGURIES, THEN WE CAN EXPECT TOTAL
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SECURITY SUPPORT AFGHAN STYLE DURING THE VISIT.

3. THE PSO IN DISCUSSION YESTERDAY WITH GHANI WAS IMPRESSED THAT AIRPORT SECURITY WILL BE TOTAL. THE PSO, CYNICAL OF THE RGA'S ABILITY TO FOLLOW THROUGH, WAS IMPRESSED WHEN GHANI TOLD HIM THAT THE HORSE REPEAT HORSE CAVALRY HAS BEEN MOBILIZED FOR WEDNESDAY AT THE AIRPORT. IN THIS DAY OF JETS AND FIVE- HOUR VIP VISITS, THIS SEEMS ANOMALOUS. GHANI SAID THE HORSEMEN WILL BE THERE TO CHASE ANY RANDOM CRACKPOT THAT MIGHT PRESUME TO DO HARM, ADDING QUOTE NO ONE WILL RUN AWAY FROM THE HORSES UNQUOTE WHILE SUPPRESSING A SMILE AT THE PSO'S OBVIOUS AND BEGRUDGING ADMIRATION OF THIS STARTLING IDEA. BECAUSE OF THE HORSES THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

4. ON ALL MOVEMENTS, COL. MINIPOL WILL RIDE IN THE PILOT CAR. HE HAS SET UP ROUTES TO BE FOLLOWED BUT HAS ONE OR TWO ALTERNATE ROUTES FOR EACH MOVE IN CASE IT IS NECESSARY TO CHANGE. HE WILL HAVE PATROLS SURVEYING THE ROUTES AND WILL BE IN RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH THEM.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE PILOT CAR, THE RGA WILL ADD ANOTHER CHASE CAR TO THE SEPDEC'S MOTORCADE WHILE TWO ARMORED LANDROVERS WILL TRAVEL ON EITHER SIDE OF MR. RUSH'S CAR ON ALL MOVEMENTS. OUTRIDERS ARE TRAVELLING IN ADVANCE OF THE MOTORCADE ON ALL MOVEMENTS AND WILL STOP TRAFFIC (IF POSSIBLE) ALONG THE ROUTE TO BE TRAVELLED BY THE MOTORCADE.

6. MRS. RUSH'S MOTORCADE WILL ALSO HAVE AN RGA PILOT CAR AND CHASE CAR WHICH WILL MAKE THAT MOTORCADE CONSIST OF FOUR CARS IN ALL. (MIKE HOLM, BNDD AGENT HERE, HAS VOLUNTEERED TO COVER THE LUNCHEON AT KARGHA LAKE WITH APPROPRIATE ARMS. THE RGA WILL ALSO COVER THAT EVENT WITH PLAINCLOTHESMEN AND UNIFORMED MEN. BURKE AND MRS. LEWIS ARE TODAY DOING A DRY- RUN ON THE LADIES' SCHEDULE IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED.)

7. GUARD ON THE RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY WILL BE REINFORCED. IN ADDITION, TWO MARINES WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE RESIDENCE FROM 2:00 P. M. TO DEPARTURE. THE SIDE STREET AT THE RESIDENCE WILL BE CLOSED AND BECOME PARKING AREAS FOR MISSION PERSONNEL ATTENDING THE 3:40 P. M. MEETING WITH DEPSEC.
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8. THUS, WE BELIEVE ALL POSSIBLE SECURITY STEPS OF WHICH THE RGA IS CAPABLE HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR SET IN MOTION. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE OUR WORK WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED TODAY AS TO WHICH SY OFFICER WILL RIDE IN WHICH CAR AND WHETHER THEY

NEED OR EXPECT ADDITIONAL ARMS OTHER THAN THOSE THEY ARE CARRYING
WITH THEM. PSO KELLY WILL BE AT BOTTOM OF LADDER AT AIRPLANE AND
BALDADIAN SHOULD CONTACT HIM IMMEDIATELY UPON ARIVAL FOR LAST-
MINUTE DETAILS OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.
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